

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2791

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit Internet service providers from providing accounts to sexually violent predators.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 1997

Mrs. ROUKEMA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF INTERNET**  
4                       **SERVICE ACCOUNTS TO SEXUALLY VIOLENT**  
5                       **PREDATORS.**

6       Part I of title II of the Communications Act of 1934  
7       (47 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
8       the following:

1 **“SEC. 231. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF INTERACTIVE**  
2 **COMPUTER SERVICE ACCOUNTS TO SEXU-**  
3 **ALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS.**

4 “(a) PROHIBITION.—An interactive computer service  
5 may not provide an account or otherwise provide for the  
6 use of any information service, system, or access software  
7 of such service to a sexually violent predator.

8 “(b) PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (a)  
9 shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than \$5,000  
10 for each violation. For purposes of this subsection, each  
11 day of violation shall constitute a separate violation.

12 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) INTERACTIVE COMPUTER SERVICE.—The  
14 term ‘interactive computer service’ has the meaning  
15 given the term in section 230(e)(2).

16 “(2) SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR.—The  
17 term ‘sexually violent predator’ means an individual  
18 who—

19 “(A) is a sexually violent predator (as that  
20 term is defined in section 170101(a)(3) of the  
21 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement  
22 Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14071(a)(3))); and

23 “(B) is subject to a registration require-  
24 ment under section 170101(a)(1)(B) or  
25 170102(c) of the Violent Crime Control and  
26 Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.

1           14071(a)(1)(B), 14072(c)), as provided under  
2           section 170101(b)(6)(B) or 170102(d)(2), re-  
3           spectively, of that Act.”.

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